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In re application of

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For: **ON-THE-FLY REDUNDANCY OPERATION IN
THE SYNCHRONOUS DISK ARRAY CONTROLLER**

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

TO THE ASSISTANT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the March 28, 2000 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

<u>In the Specification:</u>

At page 1, line 14, after "May 3, 1996" change the period to a comma and add -- now U.S. Pat. No. 6,018,778.--

At page 25, line 27, after "multiplexer" change "920" to --921--.

At page 26, line 2, after "multiplexer" change "920" to --921-- (two occurrences)

At page 26, line 29, after "multiplexer" change "920" to --921--.

At page 27, line 23, after "multiplexer" change "920" to --921--.

<u>In the Drawings:</u>

Proposed changes to Figure 9 are presented in the enclosed red-lined copy.

<u>In the Claims:</u>

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1.   (Amended) A method of reading striped digital data from a RAID array of disk drives, each drive having a respective data port of predetermined width coupled to an internal buffer, the method comprising the steps of: